

EC-568. A communication from the Trial Attorney, Federal Railroad Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Highway-Rail Crossing Inventory Reporting Requirements" (RIN2130-AC26) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-569. A communication from the Assistant Secretary for Legislation, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Office of the Medicare Ombudsman 2013 Report to Congress"; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-570. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "List of Automatic Changes" (Rev. Proc. 2015-14) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-571. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Section 5000A National Average Premium for a Bronze Level of Coverage (2015)" (Rev. Proc. 2015-15) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-572. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Procedures to Change a Method of Accounting for Federal Income Tax Purposes" (Rev. Proc. 2015-13) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-573. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Biodiesel and Alternative Fuels; Claims for 2014; Excise Tax" (Notice 2015-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-574. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Application for Recognition as a 501(c)(29) Organization" (RIN1545-BK64) (TD 9709) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-575. A communication from the Chief of the Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates - February 2015" (Rev. Rul. 2015-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 2, 2015; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-576. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0096); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-577. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0097); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-578. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-

Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country (OSS-2015-0098); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-579. A communication from the Associate General Counsel for General Law, Department of Homeland Security, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a vacancy in the position of Under Secretary for Management, Department of Homeland Security, received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 28, 2015; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

EC-580. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Interior (Indian Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Fiscal Year 2013 Report to Congress Pursuant to 25 U.S.C. 450j-1(c) on the Funding Requirements for Contract Support Costs"; to the Committee on Indian Affairs.

EC-581. A communication from the Deputy Assistant Administrator of the Office of Diversion Control, Drug Enforcement Agency, Department of Justice, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Schedules of Controlled Substances: Temporary Placement of Three Synthetic Cannabinoids into Schedule I" (Docket No. DEA-402) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on January 30, 2015; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-582. A communication from the Secretary, Judicial Conference of the United States, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report of the Proceedings of the Judicial Conference of the United States" for the September 2014 session; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

EC-583. A communication from the Chief Executive Officer, Corporation for National and Community Service, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Corporation's fiscal year 2016 Congressional Budget Justification; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-584. A communication from the Inspector General of the Railroad Retirement Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Board's Congressional Budget Justification for fiscal year 2016; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-585. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-113); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-586. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-128); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-587. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-123); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-588. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-080); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-589. A communication from the Assistant Legal Adviser for Treaty Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to the Case-Zablocki Act, 1 U.S.C. 112b, as amended, the report of the texts and background statements of international agreements, other than treaties (List 2015-0004 - 2015-0010); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-590. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Depart-

ment of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-130); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. ALEXANDER, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, without amendment:

S. 227. A bill to strengthen the Federal education research system to make research and evaluations more timely and relevant to State and local needs in order to increase student achievement.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. LEE (for himself, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. MORAN, Mr. GARDNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. BLUMENTHAL):

S. 356. A bill to improve the provisions relating to the privacy of electronic communications; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. FLAKE (for himself and Mr. CORNYN):

S. 357. A bill to amend title 11 of the United States Code to require the public disclosure by trusts established under section 524(g) of such title, of quarterly reports that contain detailed information regarding the receipt and disposition of claims for injuries based on exposure to asbestos, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Mr. REID, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. BENNET, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. MARKEY, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. COONS, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. WARREN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. TESTER, Mr. CARDIN, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. FRANKEN, and Mr. SCHATZ):

S. 358. A bill to amend title 10, United States Code, to ensure that women members of the Armed Forces and their families have access to the contraception they need in order to promote the health and readiness of all members of the Armed Forces, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. CASSIDY (for himself and Mr. RUBIO):

S. 359. A bill to amend title I of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act to impose restrictions on the risk corridor program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. RISCH):

S. 360. A bill to authorize an additional district judgeship for the district of Idaho; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. LEE (for himself and Mr. MCCAIN):

S. 361. A bill to direct the Secretary of the Interior to sell certain Federal lands in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, and Wyoming, previously identified as suitable for disposal, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. COATS, Mr. SCOTT, and Mr. RISCH):

S. 362. A bill to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide for investigative leave requirements with respect to Senior Executive Service employees, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, and Mr. BOOZMAN):

S. 363. A bill to amend the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 to aid gifted and talented and high-ability learners by empowering the Nation's teachers, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. SCHUMER):

S. 364. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to extend tax incentives to certain live theatrical performances, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. 365. A bill to improve rangeland conditions and restore grazing levels within the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument, Utah; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LEAHY, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. KING, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. WARREN, Mr. DONNELLY, Mr. BROWN, Mr. SANDERS, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. MENENDEZ, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. HEINRICH, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. FRANKEN, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. PETERS, Mr. MERKLEY, Mr. KANE, Ms. AYOTTE, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. WICKER, and Mr. DAINES):

S. 366. A bill to require Senate candidates to file designations, statements, and reports in electronic form; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself, Mr. UDALL, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, and Mrs. BOXER):

S. 367. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to require that return information from tax-exempt organizations be made available in a searchable format and to provide the disclosure of the identity of contributors to certain tax-exempt organizations; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. TOOMEY (for himself and Mr. MANCHIN):

S. 368. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to require that the Director of the Bureau of Prisons ensure that each chief executive officer of a Federal penal or correctional institution provides a secure storage area located outside of the secure perimeter of the Federal penal or correctional institution for firearms carried by certain employees of the Bureau of Prisons, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Ms. KLOBUCHAR (for herself and Mr. BLUNT):

S. 369. A bill to enhance pre- and post-adoptive support services; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself, Ms. AYOTTE, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mrs. BOXER, Ms. HEITKAMP, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. BROWN, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. STABENOW, Mrs. CAPITO, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. CASEY, Ms. HIRONO, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Ms. WARREN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 370. A bill to require breast density reporting to physicians and patients by facilities that perform mammograms, and for

other purposes; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Ms. MURKOWSKI (for herself, Mrs. BOXER, Mr. SULLIVAN, and Ms. CANTWELL):

S. 371. A bill to remove a limitation on a prohibition relating to permits for discharges incidental to normal operation of vessels; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. CAPITO (for herself, Mr. CRAPO, Ms. HEITKAMP, Mr. MANCHIN, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mr. TOOMEY):

S. 372. A bill to ensure access to certain information for financial services industry regulators, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

By Mr. RUBIO (for himself, Mr. THUNE, and Mr. NELSON):

S. 373. A bill to provide for the establishment of nationally uniform and environmentally sound standards governing discharges incidental to the normal operation of a vessel; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself and Ms. AYOTTE):

S. 374. A bill to amend the Veterans Access, Choice, and Accountability Act of 2014 to extend the requirement of the Secretary to furnish hospital care and medical services through non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities to veterans residing in certain locations; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

By Mr. CARDIN (for himself, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. BALDWIN, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Mr. KIRK, Mr. CARPER, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mr. CASEY, Mr. PORTMAN, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. COONS, Mr. HEINRICH, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. KING, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. MARKEY, Mr. MENENDEZ, Mr. MERKLEY, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. MURPHY, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. WYDEN, and Ms. KLOBUCHAR):

S. 375. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a reduced rate of excise tax on beer produced domestically by certain qualifying producers; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. KIRK (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. LEAHY):

S. 376. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to exclude payments received under the Work Colleges Program from gross income, including payments made from institutional funds; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER (for himself, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. LEAHY, and Ms. COLLINS):

S. 377. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act to increase access to ambulance services under the Medicare program and to reform payments for such services under such program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. GRASSLEY (for himself, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. HATCH, Mr. PAUL, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. RUBIO, Mr. INHOFE, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. LEE, Mrs. CAPITO, and Mr. GARDNER):

S. 378. A bill to impose certain limitations on consent decrees and settlement agreements by agencies that require the agencies to take regulatory action in accordance with the terms thereof, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. HATCH (for himself, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. LEE, Mr. MCCAIN, Mr. ENZI, Mr. SCOTT, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. BLUNT, Mr. MORAN, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. GARDNER, Mr. HOEVEN, Mr. BARASSO, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. WICKER, Mr. VITTER, Mr. HELLER, Mr. ALEXANDER, Mr. TOOMEY, Mr. BOOZMAN, Ms.

AYOTTE, Mr. THUNE, Mr. KIRK, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. CRUZ, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. RUBIO, Ms. MURKOWSKI, Mrs. FISCHER, Mr. FLAKE, Mr. RISCH, Mr. PERDUE, Mr. COCHRAN, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. BURR, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. SULLIVAN, Mr. DAINES, Mr. ROUNDS, Mr. MCCONNELL, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. COATS, Mrs. ERNST, Mr. TILLIS, Mr. COTTON, Ms. COLLINS, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. CORKER, Mr. PAUL, Mr. SESSIONS, and Mr. SASSE):

S.J. Res. 6. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to balancing the budget; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. TESTER (for himself and Mr. WHITEHOUSE):

S.J. Res. 7. A joint resolution proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to clarify the authority of Congress and the States to regulate corporations, limited liability companies, and other corporate entities established by the laws of any State, the United States, or any foreign state; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. MENENDEZ (for himself, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mr. COONS, Mr. ISAKSON, Mr. BOOZMAN, and Mr. DURBIN):

S. Res. 65. A resolution supporting efforts to bring an end to violence perpetrated by Boko Haram, and urging the Government of Nigeria to conduct transparent, peaceful, and credible elections; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

By Mr. BLUMENTHAL:

S. Res. 66. A resolution expressing support for the designation of February 12, 2015, as "Darwin Day" and recognizing the importance of science in the betterment of humanity; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. ALEXANDER (for himself and Mr. LEE):

S. Res. 67. A resolution amending rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate to revise the number of affirmative votes required to end debate on nominations; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

By Mr. JOHNSON (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN):

S. Res. 68. A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate regarding the January 24, 2015, attacks carried out by Russian-backed rebels on the civilian population in Mariupol, Ukraine, and the provision of lethal and non-lethal military assistance to Ukraine; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 149

At the request of Mr. HATCH, the name of the Senator from Utah (Mr. LEE) was added as a cosponsor of S. 149, a bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the excise tax on medical devices.

S. 165

At the request of Ms. AYOTTE, the names of the Senator from South Dakota (Mr. ROUNDS) and the Senator from Alaska (Mr. SULLIVAN) were added as cosponsors of S. 165, a bill to extend and enhance prohibitions and limitations with respect to the transfer or release of individuals detained at United